

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An information processing system comprising:
first addition means for adding copyright
information to a digital content; and

5 second addition means for adding a sampling
program to one of the digital content or an application
program for utilizing the digital content, the sampling
program being automatically activated to sample the
copyright information from the digital content,
10 wherein the digital content is utilized in
accordance with the copyright information sampled by
the sampling program.

2. A system according to claim 1, wherein said
15 first addition means adds the copyright information to
the digital content added with the sampling program by
said second addition means.

3. A medium for transferring a digital content,
20 comprising:

first transfer means for transferring the digital
content embedded with copyright information; and

second transfer means for transferring a sampling
program so as to allow the copyright information to be
25 sampled from the digital content transferred by said
first transfer means, the sampling program being
automatically activated to sample the copyright

information from the digital content,

wherein the digital content is utilized in
accordance with the copyright information sampled by
the sampling program from the digital content.

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4. A medium according to claim 3, wherein said
second transfer means transfers the application program
for utilizing the digital content by adding the
sampling program to the application program.

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5. A medium according to claim 3, wherein the
medium is a communication medium.

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6. A medium according to claim 3, wherein the
medium is a storage medium.

7. An information processing apparatus
comprising:

20 first addition means for adding copyright
information to a digital content; and

second addition means for adding a sampling
program to one of the digital content or an application
program for utilizing the digital content, the sampling
program being automatically activated to sample the
25 copyright information from the digital content,

wherein the digital content is utilized in
accordance with the copyright information sampled by

the sampling program.

8. An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein
said first addition means adds the copyright
5 information to the digital content added with the
sampling program by said second addition means.

9. An information processing apparatus for
processing a digital content embedded with copyright
10 information, comprising:

means for automatically activating a sampling
program for sampling the copyright information from the
digital content; and

means for utilizing the digital content in
15 accordance with the copyright information sampled by
the sampling program.

10. An apparatus according to claim 9, wherein
the sampling program is added to the digital content.

11. An apparatus according to claim 9, wherein
the sampling program is added to an application program
for utilizing the digital content.

12. An information processing method comprising
the steps of:

adding copyright information to a digital content

for restricting utilization of the digital content; and

adding a sampling program to one of the digital
content or an application program for utilizing the
digital content, the sampling program being

5 automatically activated to sample the copyright
information from the digital content.

13. An information processing method for
processing a digital content embedded with copyright
10 information, the method comprising the steps of:

automatically activating a sampling program for
sampling the copyright information from the digital
content; and

utilizing the digital content in accordance with
15 the copyright information sampled by the sampling
program.

14. A storage medium storing a program for
executing a process of an information processing
20 method, the program comprising the steps of:

adding copyright information to a digital content
for restricting utilization of the digital content; and

adding a sampling program to one of the digital
content or an application program for utilizing the
25 digital content, the sampling program being
automatically activated to sample the copyright
information from the digital content.

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15. A storage medium storing a program for
executing a process of an information processing method
for processing a digital content embedded with
copyright information, the program comprising the steps
5 of:

automatically activating a sampling program for
sampling the copyright information from the digital
content; and

utilizing the digital content in accordance with
10 the copyright information sampled by the sampling
program.

16. An information processing system for dealing
with a file containing a plurality of digital contents,
15 comprising:

sampling means for sampling predetermined
information from the file, the predetermined
information restricting utilization of each digital
content; and

20 utilizing means for utilizing each digital content
in accordance with the sampled predetermined
information.

17. A system according to claim 16, wherein the
25 predetermined information is embedded in each digital
content.

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18. An information processing apparatus for dealing with a file containing a plurality of digital contents, comprising:

5 sampling means for sampling predetermined information from the file, the predetermined information restricting utilization of each digital content; and

10 utilizing means for utilizing each digital content in accordance with the sampled predetermined information.

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